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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 2048

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PBOR, IS, JO

SUBJ: EXPULSION OF HANNA NASIR

REF: JERUSALEM 2047

1. ISRAELI POLICY OF EXPULSION, OR AT LEAST MANY OF CHOICES THEY HAVE MADE, HAS SEEMED AT BEST A DUBIOUS ONE. THE EXPULSION OF BIR ZEIT PRESIDENT HANNA NASIR SEEMS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE.

2. IT HAD BEEN MY IMPRESSION THAT NASIR HAD NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN CURRENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND HAD IN FACT HOPED TO KEEP HIS STUDENTS OUT OF TROUBLE (JERUSALEM 2034). THIS IMPRESSION HAS JUST BEEN CORROBORATED BY N.Y. TIMES CORRESPONENT TERRY SMITH, WHO HAD CALLED WEST BANK MILITARY GOVERNOR ABOUT NASIR'S EXPULSION. MILITARY GOVERNOR TOLD HIM OFF THE RECORD (PLEASE PROTECT SMITH ON THIS) THAT NASIR HAD NOT IN FACT PLAYED SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN DEMONSTRATIONS. ISRAELIS HAD A "LARGE FILE" ON HIM, HOWEVER, AND HAD WANTED FOR SOME TIME TO BE RID OF HIM.

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3. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT NASIR HAS BEEN PROMINENT NATIONALIST

FIGURE, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME HIS EXPULSION IS NEVERTHELESS
SELF-DEFEATING. HE IS THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATOR ON THE WEST BANK
AND AMONG WEST BANKERS IS ONE OF THE BEST-KNOWN FIGURES ABROAD.
I REALIZE ISRAELIS COUNT HEAVILY ON POLICY OF SHOCK AND FEAR IN
DEALING WITH ARABS AND NO DOUBT BELIEVE THIS EXAMPLE WILL BRING
OTHER TO HEEL. I THINK THAT THEY HAVE INSTEAD GIVEN FURTHER
IMPETUS TO PALESTINIAN NATIONALISM IN THIS AREA AND HAVE
PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE PLO IN BEIRUT AN ARTICULATE AND
WELL-CONNECTED RECRUIT.

4. IRONICALLY ENOUGH, NASIR HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY MODERATE
OF LATE IN VIEWS HE HAS EXPRESSED TO WHOLE STREAM OF WESTERN
JOURNALISTS FOR WHOM HIS OFFICE IS A STANDARD PORT OF CALL ON
THE WEST BANK. AS IN THE CONVERSATION I HAD WITH HIM RECENTLY,
HE HAS OPPOSED THE IDEA OF SECULAR DEMOCRATIC STATE AND
ESPOUSED THAT OF TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE.
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